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**PRP DATA EXTRACTION FORM  
LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA**

**UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES /  
FEDERAL REFINING COMPANY**

**CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO:**

Federal Refining Co., Inc./Graifman Partnership  
29 Riverside Avenue, Bldg. #16  
Newark, NJ 07104  
(Information as of 2002)  
(FID000041)

Universal International Industries, Inc.  
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(State of New Jersey Div. of Revenue Status Report)

**FACILITY ADDRESS:**

29 Riverside Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07104  
(The "site")  
(FID000011)

Buildings on site include Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, and 17.

The site is located on Lot 1, Block 614 in Newark. (FID000012)

**FINANCIAL VIABILITY:**

The following, and/or their successors or assigns, should be considered as candidate PRPs:

- Universal International Industries, Inc. – Mr. Norman Gold, President (1972)  
(FID000003)
- Despo Chemicals International, Inc. and Desachem Co., Inc. – Aris D. Despo,  
President (1985) (FID000012, FID000014)

- Industrial Development Associates, 141 Lanza Avenue, Newark (FID000012)
- Federal Refining Co., Inc. – Carole Graifman, President (1993); Seymour Graifman, CEO (1995); Graifman Partnership, Owner (2002), 205 Barringer Court, West Orange, NJ (FID000016, FID000018, FID000041)
- Roloc Film Processing – William Paczkowski, VP (1995) (FID000017)
- Frey Industries, Inc. – Tilghman B. Frey, President (1993) (FID000024)
- Ardmore Chemical Co. – Albert Sharpouse, Owner/President (FID000030, FID000031, FID000036)

#### **DATES OF OPERATION:**

The Site was originally utilized by PPG Industries (“PPG”), as successor to Pittsburgh Paint & Glass Company, for paint manufacturing purposes. Subsequent to cessation of operations by PPG, the site was operated as a multi-tenant industrial complex. A 1985 Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA) Initial Notice indicated that PPG Industries had previously owned the site. (FID000013)

Industrial entities known to have historically owned and/or operated at the multi-tenant industrial complex, include but are not limited to the following companies:

- Ardmore Chemical Co. (FID000030, FID000031, FID000036) Ardmore Chemical Co. operated on the site in Building 14 at least between 1993 and 2002. (FID000030-FID000032, FID000036)
- Despo Chemicals International, Inc. and Desachem Co., Inc. (FID000012, FID000014) In 1985, Despo Chemicals International, Inc. and Desachem Co., Inc. operated in Building No. 17 on site. (FID000012)
- Federal Refining Co., Inc., (owner) and Graifman Partnership (owner) (FID000016, FID000018, FID000041) Federal Refining Co., Inc., operated in Building No. 16 on site between at least 1993 and 2002. (FID000016, FID000018, FID000041)
- Frey Industries, Inc., as of 1993. (FID000024) Frey Industries, Inc. operated in Buildings # 2, 3, 9, and 12 in 1993 indicating that the company had operated at the site for the previous 11 years. (FID000024, FID000026)
- Industrial Development Associates. (FID000012)

- Roloc Film Processing, as of 1995. (FID000017) Roloc Film Processing operated in Building No. 1 on site in 1995. (FID000017)
- Universal International Industries, Inc., as of 1972. (FID000003) Universal was in operation at the site at least between 1972 and 1977. (FID000002, FID000011)

## **DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY OPERATIONS:**

The site is bound to the west and southwest by Riverside Avenue and McCarter Highway (NJ State Route 21). An industrial property - WRQ Realty Corporation, owner – is located to the north of the site. (FID000020, FID000025, FID000051) The Passaic River is immediately adjacent to the eastern and southeastern border of the site. (FID000020, FID000025, FID000051)

### **Ardmore Chemicals Operations:**

Ardmore Chemical Co./Ardmore Incorporated (Ardmore) operated in Building No. 14 at the site at least between 1993 and 2002. Ardmore manufactured soap and other detergents under SIC No. 2841 (FID000030-FID000032, FID000036)

### **Despo Chemicals Operations:**

Despo Chemicals International, Inc. and Desachem Co., Inc. (Despo) operated in Building No. 17 on site under SIC No. 2842. The owner of the site at the time of Despo's operations in 1985 was Industrial Development Associates. (FID000012)

### **Federal Refining Operations:**

Federal Refining Co., Inc. operated in Building No. 16 on site at least between 1993 and 2002 under SIC No. 3341. FID000016, FID000041 The company is described as "buyers and refiners of precious metals" and the operation is described as secondary smelting of non-ferrous metals. (FID000021, FID000043)

### **Frey Industries Operations:**

Frey Industries, Inc. operated in Building Nos. 2, 3, 9, and 12, "providing services for some fifty (50) major chemical companies." Frey's operations consist of "the changing of container sizes, storage and distribution of packaged materials owned by our customers; all of which are performed inside the confines of our storage facilities." At least two storage tanks were present on site at the time of Frey's operations. (FID000024-FID000026)

### **Roloc Film Processing Operations:**

Roloc Film Processing operated in Building No. 1 on site in 1995 under SIC No. 3497. (FID000017)

### **Universal International Industries Operations:**

Universal International Industries, Inc. (Universal) manufactured appliances at the site, including fans and deep fryers, under SIC No. 3647. (FID000003, FID000011)

Universal's operations included etching of aluminum pots which were sequentially dipped into process tanks. Overflow from the tanks, "plainly visible", spilled onto the floor and out into the Passaic River.

Process tanks (each approximately 100-gallon capacity) in Building No. 6 in 1972 included:

- Hot chemical cleaner for removing grease
- Cold water rinse
- Hot chemical etching
- Cold water rinse
- Hot water rinse

When chemicals in tanks #1 and #3 were expended, the liquid was "released and allowed to flow in the Passaic River". (FID000004)

The Passaic River is immediately adjacent to the eastern border of the site. (FID000020)

### **PERMITS:**

#### NPDES:

The 1985 ECRA Initial Notice indicated that a NJPDES permit was not applicable at that time. (FID000015)

Ardmore Chemical Co. discharged stormwater from the site under the General NJPDES Permit No. NJ0088315 (individual permit no. NJG0117552). The permit is effective June 2002 – May 31, 2007. Previous versions of the permit were effective May 5, 1997 to January 31, 2002 and May 10, 1993 to November 1, 1997. (FID000028, FID000030-FID000032, FID000036)

Federal Refining Co. Inc. discharged stormwater from the site under the General NJPDES Permit No. NJ0088315 (individual permit no. NJG0135291). The permit is effective June 1, 2002 – May 31, 2007. (FID000041) In 1999, NJDEP cited Federal Refining with a Notice of Violation (NOV) for "stormwater discharge associated with

Industrial activity” to the Passaic River. (FID000046, FID000050)

POTW (pretreatment):

The process discharge to the Passaic River, discovered in June 1972, was rerouted to the sanitary sewer. (FID000002) Discharge was to the PVSC system. (FID000012, FID000026) However, there is no evidence of a permit for discharge of process wastes.

**NEXUS TO LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA:**

Direct:

Universal International Industries:

In June 1972, a “polluting” discharge through the doorway of Building No. 6, onto the driveway, and directly into the Passaic River was discovered by the PVSC. (FID000002, FID000009) The discharge contained chromate chromium. (FID000007) Overflow from the chemical process tanks, “plainly visible”, spilled onto the floor and out into the Passaic River. When chemicals in tanks #1 and #3 are expended, the liquid is “released and allowed to flow in the Passaic River.” (FID000004)

Sanitary Sewer:

No information available at this time.

Storm Sewer:

Federal Refining:

In 1999, NJDEP cited Federal Refining with a Notice of Violation (“NOV”) for “stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity” to the Passaic River. (FID000046, FID000050)

Runoff:

Some site stormwater enters a storm drain on site that leads to the Passaic River. The Passaic River borders the east side of the property. Additionally, site stormwater discharges to groundwater. (FID000019, FID000022, FID000026)

Groundwater:

No information available at this time.

**POTENTIAL NEXUS TO LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA:**

Direct:

See above discussion concerning direct discharges to the Passaic River.

Sanitary Sewer:

No information available at this time.

Storm Sewer:

See above discussion concerning discharges to the storm sewer.

Runoff:

See above discussion concerning discharges to site run-off.

Groundwater:

No information available at this time.